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A Petition and Fee for a three-month Extension of Time through and including May 17, 2006, accompanies this Amendment.

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

An Appendix, including an amended drawing, is attached following page 10 of this paper.